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III. Implementation of model strategies and practical measures

Specific initiatives and measures

1. The Government of Chile has provided the Secretary-General with background material concerning various educational programmes established in Chile to eliminate violence against women.

2. In the United States of America, the Violence against Women Act of 1994 provided the legislative basis for the first comprehensive government approach to fighting domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault, combining tough new penalties with programmes to prosecute offenders and render services to victims. The Violence against Women Office was also established to lead the national effort to combat violence against women as a top priority and to implement the Violence against Women Act. To assist in those efforts, the Advisory Council on Violence against Women, a body co-chaired by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services and consisting of 47 experts, is developing a national agenda. Since the adoption of the Violence against Women Act, the Department of Justice has awarded grants to state, tribal and local governments, exceeding $900 million between 1997 and 1999, to promote community development projects designed to reduce violence against women.

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